AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following claims list supersedes all previous claims lists.

1.   (currently amended) A method for creating a portal web site, comprising:

storing seed data within a database, the seed data identifying an initial appearance and

operation of the portal web site;

collecting preference data from a user of the portal web site, the preference data

identifying a set of user preferences about the appearance and operation of the

portal web site;

storing the preference data within a database; and

generating the portal web site based upon the preference data.

Claim 2 is cancelled.

3.   (currently amended) The method of claim 2 1, wherein the step of storing the user

preference data includes the steps of:

making a copy of the seed data stored in the database; and

modifying the copied seed data to reflect the user preferences.

4.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating the portal web site is

performed entirely within the database.

5.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating the portal

web site comprises creating one or more users based upon the preference data, wherein

each user may access the portal web site.

6.   (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of generating the portal web site

comprises generating a set of groups based upon the preference data, wherein the set of

groups may comprise one or more users, and each group may be configured such that the

one or more users within the group may have a permission to access a portion of the web

site.

7.   (original) The method of claim 6, wherein each group may have a different permission to

access a different portion of the portal web site.

8.   (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

transmitting an email to a user to indicate that the step of generating the portal web site is

complete.

9.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the preference data comprises data identifying

a set of portlets to appear on the portal web site.

10.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating the portal web site is

performed by storing data in a portal schema, wherein the portal schema contains data

comprising two or more portal web sites.

11. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of

instructions for creating a portal web site, wherein executing of the one or more

sequences of instructions by one or more processors causes the one or more processors to

perform the steps of:

storing seed data within a database, the seed data identifying an initial appearance and

operation of the portal web site;

collecting preference data from a user of the portal web site, the preference data

identifying a set of user preferences about the appearance and operation of the

portal web site;

storing the preference data within a database; and

generating the portal web site based upon the preference data.

Claim 12 is cancelled.

13. (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim ~~12~~ 11, wherein the step of

storing the ~~user~~ preference data includes the steps of:

making a copy of the seed data stored in the database; and

modifying the copied seed data to reflect the user preferences.

14. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the step of generating the

portal web site is performed entirely within the database.

15.   (currently amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the step of generating the portal web site comprises creating one or more users based upon the preference data, wherein each user may access the portal web site.

16.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 15, wherein the step of generating the portal web site comprises generating a set of groups based upon the preference data, wherein the set of groups may comprise one or more users, and each group may be configured such that the one or more users within the group may have a permission to access a portion of the web site.

17.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 16, wherein each group may have a different permission to access a different portion of the portal web site.

18.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, further comprising:
transmitting an email to a user to indicate that the step of generating the portal web site is complete.

19.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the preference data comprises data identifying a set of portlets to appear on the portal web site.

20.   (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the step of generating the portal web site is performed by storing data in a portal schema, wherein the portal schema contains data comprising two or more portal web sites.

21. (new) A system for creating a portal web site, comprising:

logic to store seed data within a database, the seed data identifying an initial appearance

and operation of the portal web site;

logic to collect preference data from a user of the portal web site, the preference data

identifying a set of user preferences about the appearance and operation of the

portal web site;

logic to store the preference data within a database; and

logic to generate the portal web site based upon the preference data.

22. (new) The system of claim 21, wherein the logic to store the preference data includes:

logic to make a copy of the seed data stored in the database; and

logic to modify the copied seed data to reflect the user preferences.

23. (new) The system of claim 21, wherein the logic to generate the portal web site comprises

logic to create one or more users based upon the preference data, wherein each user may

access the portal web site.

24. (new) The system of claim 23, wherein the logic to generate the portal web site comprises

logic to generate a set of groups based upon the preference data, wherein the set of

groups may comprise one or more users, and each group may be configured such that the

one or more users within the group may have a permission to access a portion of the web

site.

25.   (new) The system of claim 24, wherein each group may have a different permission to

access a different portion of the portal web site.

26.   (new) The system of claim 21, further comprising:

logic to transmit an email to a user to indicate that the generating the portal web site is

complete.

27.   (new) The system of claim 21, wherein the preference data comprises data identifying a

set of portlets to appear on the portal web site.

28.   (new) The system of claim 21, wherein the logic to generate the portal web site includes

logic to store data in a portal schema, wherein the portal schema contains data comprising

two or more portal web sites.